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SENATOR F. VIDET CARMICHAEL

33rd District
Clarke and Lauderdale Counties
5396 Springhill Loop, Meridian, MS 39301

June 8, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As State Senator representing Meridian, Mississippi, I am writing to share with you my views with respect to Comcast and its pending venture with NBC Universal.

As Chairman of the Mississippi Senate Education Committee, I am proud to have Comcast as a partner. Comcast offers courtesy services to our schools and libraries helping us to bridge the digital divide and allowing our children to develop the skills they will need to succeed in school and in their careers. Comcast's cable service is also a portal to the world for our children offering kids and parents a wide range of educational programming from Sprout and news channels such as FOX News and CNN, to local programming that teaches them about their own communities.

Comcast also supports education programs around our state and I have been particularly impressed with what the company is doing in partnership with Mississippi's only children's hospital, the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children. Comcast funds the hospital's "Reach Out and Read" program. This is a therapeutic learning program for the child patients at Batson, many of whom may never have the chance to attend a traditional school.

Further, Comcast is a good neighbor and a friend to our city of 38,000. Many of our residents work for the company, earning above average wages and benefits, such as health care, for their families. In a tight economy, Comcast has been expanding rather than cutting back its efforts in Mississippi, and we are appreciative of this.

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Meridian also receives excellent services from Comcast, including cable for entertainment, high speed internet and digital voice. Without speedy internet service, it would be impossible for our businesses to compete in the statewide economy, not to mention the increasingly global economy. That is an important factor for us.

Comcast is a company with a heart and is a reliable service provider that supports the residents of Meridian. I hope you will take into account these comments as you consider the partnership of Comcast and NBCU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Videt Carmichael".

Videt Carmichael
Senator
State of Mississippi

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker